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THE CONCLUSION OF THE WHOLE MATTER.

A brief review of recent events on the Potomac is about as follows: The rebels, in fighting column fitted for light and rapid movements, pushed northward from the recesses over Pope in the Rappahannock to Bull Run. They poured over into Maryland, principally to secure supplies on a rich region never visited by the war. Of needed army stores were there. They if believed that rebel sympathizers in hands would rally to their standard. such aid they could alone have hoped long campaign north of the Potomac. out it they must have expected just has happened. The "rising" did not off. The other part of the gramme did come off. The great ging party, hungry from the lean ssaries of Richmond swept rapidly country and made up immense forage ins. Our columns moved against them solid array. The rebels retired carrying them their booty. But it was not to thought of to keep these long trains in rance of the army yretiring before Mc-llan, and so Stonewall Jackson is given undertaken executed in a manner wor-of himself. He makes a detour south-of to Harper's Ferry, strikes hands the imbecility or cowardice, or treach-of Tom Ford and secures a cheap *twelve miles of heavily loaded army wag-* rapidly hurried across the bridge dispatched down the Shenandoah ley. No wonder that Federal prison-ers of no account in his eyes; he was ers for another purpose and did it, and ger swept back to aid Lee. The rebel ger has followed its trains, all now across Potomac, doubtless punished severely Potomac, doubtless punished severely your troops, who hung upon their rear. future will soon tell whether their trip on the Shenandoah is a safe one, and presence of some of Heintzelman's at Thoroughfare Gap is suggest-of what may be on the tapis. As ge events have revealed the motives cannot be doubted that the ds have done precisely what they re-ded in the event of not being received the Marylanders, they have retired, *ripley off with their stores.* That ve paid a high price for the move-ord does not weaken this, its unmistaka-spect. Our victory is solely in the ent of penalty exacted.

THE ONLY SAVE POLICY.

The readers of the TRIBUNE will bear ss that it has uniformly maintained ay opinion that emancipation was the only y that would prevent the transfer of a ge negro population from the South to the North. We have held that the climate, ductions and associations of the South ersuch that the emancipated slave, when ave rid of the fear that he could be again bjected to bondage, would not willingly ish it—that all his preferences, as a free ce, confident of the continued enjoyment of his natural rights, would be for the home of his childhood, the sunny sky and mild temperature of the slave States, and the people and the labor to which he was most accustomed. We have contended that nothing but slavery could make him accept the climate and social conditions of the free States, and that were the South open to free colored men, under trusted guaranties of their personal security against man-stealing, the North would be cleared of the blacks who now endure its rigors rather than incur the risk of perpetual and galling servitude.

The news from Cairo confirms us in these often expressed opinions; and it ought to convince the most skeptical that there is no use, as we have all the while been, right. The telegraph tells us that the colored men and women who have long hung upon Gen. Grant's army, near enough to headquarters to be secure against capture, are making into Cairo by thousands, and that the government is sorely puzzled how to provide for them. The plan is not more simple than effective: when the army again turns its front southward, let it conquer and emancipate as it goes, and not only will each district and State, once purged of the cause of the rebellion, remain loyal, but every black man who now finds his safety in flight, will return to the home, and probably to the plough and furrow that he left. Any other course will deluge the North with a population against which the flail and unreasoning prejudices of our people are already too much excited. Mark the prediction.

ANOTHER NAVAL VICTORY.

Our gallant tars are determined to maintain the fame and glory of the navy. Commander Porter, of the Essex, has captured the city of Natchez. The particulars are given to us in the New Orleans papers, extracts from which the readers will find elsewhere. The Essex was cruising on the Mississippi, when she was assailed by a rebel gunboat, which she speedily drove off, and finding her hand is, then proceeded at once to Natchez and reduced the town. As if this were not enough, the Essex next burned Bayou Sara, and other wards achieved a great shore battery.

The Wholesale Trade of Chicago.

It is marvelous to witness the changes that have taken place within two years in the trade of Chicago, both as to its character and its extent. Houses that then employed less than a dozen hands, now have from fifteen to forty, and are driven harder and more hours in a day, by the increasing tide of commerce that seems to overwhelm them, almost, except by the preparations that are made to meet it by our enterprising merchants.

Any leading house is either bound or trade will foot up in a week's time a sum total present time, an amount equal to their monthly sales in 1859, during the same period. The bulk of sales are for cash also, while formerly nearly all transactions were on time.

These merchants got large bills, coming to market with prices or stories in a year. Now they come, in many instances, as often as once a month,—all of which goes to establish the fact that the best basis for concentrating here, and that a very much larger percentage of country is represented than at any time in our history. We are proud to chronicle such evidences of the energy of our merchants, and of the appreciation of country dealers of the advantages of a home market. It is proper, however, to state that the constantly rising markets at the seaboard hope but much to do with this result.

Our heaviest dealers have bought largely for the fall and winter trade very early in the season, enabling them to sell to Chicago below New York prices of many lines. Quotations past, carefully considered, will show within a margin in favor of Chicago.

We have taken pains to visit many of our leading jobbing houses, and find that they are in full stock and ready to keep up the programme during the fall.

The results of the season have only begun to unfold in the matter of goods markets. It now seems destined to day, for supply of raw materials to fall short of present reduced stocks of goods in first hands, though the manufacturers are at almost night and noon in a desperate effort to meet the demand. Prices are steadily advancing, and before cold weather sets in, we shall see a very much higher range than at present. Those who have stocks of goods, or the raw materials for manufacturing purposes, will find their account in holding on.

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The Tribune,

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 1862.

JUDGE SCATES' LETTER.

Judge Scates' letter, addressed to the War Democrats of Cook county, which we publish elsewhere, is an eloquent and soul-stirring appeal to the true patriots of his party, which cannot fail to have a marked influence not only upon the election this fall but upon the future division of parties in the State. Judge Scates is a representative rather of Southern Illinois, where the Democratic strength chiefly lies, than of Cook county, where he has resided only a few years. He is known personally to every county south of the Ohio and Mississippi railroad, and by reputation throughout the State, as among the straightest of his political sect, and as a life-long friend and supporter of Judge Douglas. He has been honored with the highest place on the judicial bench, and has never been known as anything but an unwavering Democrat, rather more deeply imbued with prejudice against "abolitionism" than the average of his party in the North.

What has induced Judge Scates to sever his connection with the Democratic party, as represented in the late Springfield Convention, and to counsel the War Democrats of the State to repudiate its platform and nominees? The answer is simple. Because the Democratic party has abandoned its faith—departed from the patriotic principles which Stephen A. Douglas left as his last will and testament, and turned Tory for the benefit of Jeff. Davis and the destroyers of the Union. Reason enough! Judge Scates reviews the platform of the Springfield Convention with [illegible] and shows that its endeavor is to array all against the government and in the interest of the rebellion—hostile to our soldiers in the field and lending encouragement to the guerrillas who are shooting them down. He vindicates the patriotism and earnestness of the Illinois volunteers, and utters the true prophecy that it will go hard with the Tories when those volunteers return to their homes. He declares also that slavery must be crushed, rather than the Union be destroyed, and that it rests with the rebels themselves to say whether it shall be preserved by their laying down their arms, or overthrown by their continued and causeless warfare against the Constitution.

These are true words. Judge Scates recommends that the War Democrats meet in convention at Springfield, on the 24th inst., to give expression to their views, which were choked down at the Tory conclave on the 10th. We doubt not the call will be ardently responded to wherever the notice may reach in season for the appointment of delegates. We hope so, because it promises to separate the true from the base coin—to divide the counterfeit from the genuine Democracy, and enable all patriots to join hands in striking down treason wherever it exists.

PRO-SLAVERY HOWLERS

It is said that while one man may rob a garden with impunity, another is hung for looking over the wall. This old "saw" is exemplified by the course of the pro-slavery faction towards the Chicago TRIBUNE. Whenever there is admitted into its columns the least criticism of the conduct of generals of the rose-water class, the whole faction set up a howl of denunciation, and every print in their interest, barks in chorus. The sentiment at the bottom of this abuse is sympathy for the secessionists. Their "Southern brethren" are rebels. Before the war broke out these rebels were their political confreres. They have a hankering for their partisan fellowship hereafter. They are bitterly opposed to any disturbance of the "peculiar institution," as that might render future political fraternization difficult if not impracticable. These miserable flunkies have small desire for the restoration of the Union unless the rebel slaveholders are re-placed in control of the government. Their *furious* zeal for certain generals is founded in the belief that said generals are maneuvering to bring about a restoration of Bourbon rule; and the fierce malevolence shown to other generals who would strike down slavery to save the Union, is readily explained.

It is a favorite expression of these flunkies, that "the TRIBUNE is all the time pitching into the generals." But never a word of rebuke have they for the daily assaults of their organ, the secession *Times*, upon all officers who do not bow the knee to the Baal they worship. For twelve months past, that sheet has poured forth a constant stream of calumny upon every statesman and officer of prominence who prefers the salvation of the Union to the preservation of slavery. But not a whimper of objection escapes the mouths of these pro-slavery fanatics. The TRIBUNE is the Mordecai at the King's gate that gives them so much offense. They can perceive the mote in their neighbor's eye but not the beam in their own. Some of these jaundiced whiners have the supreme impudence to call themselves Republicans! We believe they qualify it with the word "conservative." They are "conservative Republicans." The word "conservative" in the political vocabulary means pro-slavery, or save-slavery. What sort of a creature is a pro-slavery Republican?

We refer to these things now because the pro-slavery howlers and their "conservative" allies are particularly vociferous at this time. But at the risk of making them feel unpleasant, we shall whisper in their ears a fact that they would do well to consider:—Slavery and the Union cannot both be saved. It is too big a job for the power of the people. One or the other must go to the wall. Which shall it be? Let men make their choice.

ANOTHER NEST OF THEM.

The evidence that there is in existence in the North a compact, secret and treasonable organization, the object of which is to furnish aid to the rebels in arms against the Government of the United States, daily accumulates and daily grows stronger and stronger. It comes to us from almost every one of the free States and from so many sources, each independent of the other, that to doubt the fact which it establishes would be not a whit less foolish than to doubt the existence of the air we breathe. The last revelation since that made by M. Y. Johnson of Galena, is from Iowa, and there the secession virus in the southern tier of counties seems to be as strong as in the disloyal parts of Illinois. Let the people everywhere be on the alert. The enemy is everywhere at work!

DON'T BE IN A HURRY TO BLAME.

There will be many persons in haste to blame the commander of the army of the Potomac, for his failure to capture all the rebel force by which he was opposed. Such complaints will reach any man's ears who will go into a public place and listen to the first five minutes' conversation on the war. On the other hand, the friends and worshippers of that commander will break, nay have already broken, out into extravagant laudations over the fact that he got the rebels over the other side of the river at all. In our view of the case, either premature blame or excessive praise is out of place. The country knows nothing of the situation of affairs a week ago, and no one not connected with the army can now give an intelligible account of what has been done. The strength of the enemy is unknown, probably to our own division commanders, and we doubt if there is a man in the North, save perhaps General McClellan and the Adjutant General, who can guess within five thousand how many troops made the battle on our side. All hands are equally ignorant of the reinforcements that have from time to time gone forward; and nobody knows fairly more of the nature of the ground, the condition of the troops, the state of the weather and of the roads—all items that have an influence that cannot be set aside in estimating the merit or demerit of the general commanding. By-and-by—as soon as different spectators can compare notes and the reports of subordinates be studied—the history of the whole affair may be written; and then if there has been a want of activity and skill in permitting the enemy to escape, we shall certainly do our share in heaping him upon whom the blame shall fall; for if it shall appear that all that any man could make is the grand struggle, was made, we shall give no one reason to suppose that our praise is withheld. In the meantime, the growling of the dissatisfied and fulsome adulation of the man worshippers may be classed together and treated to contempt.

TO A BAKER'S DOZEN.

We are requested by a dozen or more candidates, each seeking a place, to give them a helping hand: Gentlemen, you are all Republicans, and we ought not to know any difference in your claims to office; certainly we ought not to use the influence of the TRIBUNE for one and against another. The conventions before which you will respectively come will probably decide between you without injustice, though in many cases the decisions may appear to be hard and invidious. Be content, or try again next year. The harmony of the party, and our own interests as publishers, demand that we keep our hands off. There are hundreds of clever fellows whom we would be glad to help; but we must do it in some other way than by interfering in local conventions.

THE REBEL FORCE.

A private letter from Washington to a gentleman in this city, dated on the 17th, says that "the man who is deluded by purse-proud swaggerers and newspaper sycophants into the belief that the rebels have 150,000 to 200,000 men, on the North side of the Potomac, ought to be bored for the simples." The writer, who has official opportunities for knowing whereof he affirms, says that he "re-echoes the opinion in government circles that the entire rebel strength, counting all reinforcements to that date, was not 85,000 men." We give the opinion for what it is worth.

☞ The rebellion would have been completely crushed out before now had the pro-slavery party consented that the war should be waged for the sole end of saving the Union. But no! they insisted upon the adoption of a policy to save both together. Slavery must ride on the same train with Union, and the lamentable failure of the effort is seen by the world. Rather than quarrel with the pro-slavery democratic organization, the Administration adopted the pro-slavery programme for the conduct of the war. In its sincere desire to preserve a united North, it has permitted its political opponents to manage the war pretty much in their own way. The policy of the political friends of the administration has not been tried for a single hour since the bombardment of Sumter—though they are held responsible for the want of success in military operations, because they are the party in power.

Eighteen months of disastrous failure in the insane attempt to put down the rebellion and preserve its cause, instructs us in saying to the pro-slavery Unionists, that the thing can't be done. Slavery must be thrown overboard or the ship of state will founder and all on board will perish miserably. Choose ye which you will save—the Union or slavery.

Mason and Slidell.

At the last sitting of the rebel Congress, it was unanimously voted (the Richmond *Examiner* tells the world) that Messrs. Mason and Slidell, confederate commissioners to London and Paris, should be recalled. These heroes of the Trent might say, with Othello, that their "occupation's gone," but, in truth, they have had no occupation. Pouring water into sieves, or trying to make ropes of the sands of the sea, would produce as many results as have accrued to the rebels from their playing at diplomacy. They were not received as ambassadors, neither was one of them ever admitted into the presence of Victoria or Napoleon, to whom they were respectively accredited. The officials whom they addressed gave them the cold shoulder. Their lengthy epistles were very often acknowledged in the most curt manner. They are nobodies, and were treated as such. Every dog has his day, and they had theirs—on the Trent. From the moment they landed on English soil they felt into a hopeless abyss of utter insignificance. Such was their position, or want of position in Europe. Now, their own friends have snuffed them out in rebeldom. Whether they come home, is a matter of profound indifference. But we presume that, *for personal safety*, Mason will continue in his furnished rooms in London, and that Slidell will remain in his gloomy solitude, for in only visiting or corresponding traitors, in the Rue du Faubourg St. Honore—that stately mansion which he leased in order to be near the palace of the Elysee Bourbon and the embassies of Great Britain, Greece, Prussia and Saxe Weimar, in the same street.

A Son of the late Col. Hardin Wounded.

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JUDGE SCATES' LETTER.

THE TORY CONVENTION DISSECTED.

Eloquent Appeal to the War Democracy of Illinois.

To the True War Democracy or Cook County:

I was appointed by your delegation to fill a vacancy, and took part in the proceedings of the convention—believing that every member had a right to be heard, and to present resolution for consideration. After the appropriate committees had been appointed, and the nominations had been made, and there being nothing to occupy the attention of the convention, I offered for consideration three resolutions, in substance as follows (I give them from memory, the originals have been suppressed, like I was, so far as the managers and officers of the convention could do so):

Resolved, That we believe with the president that—

There is a large class of citizens who are in favor of the execution of the laws, but only on condition that the institution of slavery shall be preserved.

And that there is another large class who are willing to prosecute the war and maintain the government, but only on condition that slavery shall be exterminated.

But there is another class of the loyal people, many times greater than both these extremists, who are in favor of prosecuting the war with all possible vigor, to maintain the National Constitution and Union without conditions.

Whether, in so doing slavery shall survive or perish is a question, not for the government, but those engaged in rebellion.

And we know and declare that we are of the class who are unconditionally for the Union and the enforcement of the laws.

Resolved, That there is only two sides to the question—every man must be for the United States or against it. There can be no neutrals in this war.

"Only patriots and traitors," "—" and the more stupendous our preparations, the less the 150th Note shall add the shorter the struggle." And therefore,

"It is the duty of every American citizen to rally round the flag of our country."

Resolved, That we most heartily approve of the president's call for 600,000 volunteers, and pledge ourselves to use our utmost exertions and to offer every facility to hasten them into the field at the earliest possible moment, and advise and sanction the most vigorous prosecution of the war, until all its ends are attained, before the public authority fully restored, and the laws are enforced and obeyed by all.

Immediately upon the introduction of these resolutions, some person, I know not who, moved to refer them without reading to the committee on resolutions. I, with others, demanded that they be read for the information of the convention before it should be called upon to vote upon their reference. Objection was made to having the resolutions read, but the president decided that we had a right to call for their reading; but before the secretary could begin to read them, another member, I know not who, moved to lay them on the table without reading, again I, with others, demanded their reading before any vote should be taken. The president, by this time, got the ear into his head, and he now decided that we had no right to the reading of the resolutions, and put the question upon laying them upon the table, and declaring. From the sound the vote was about equal, but the president decided that the ayes had it. A division upon this vote was called for, but the president refused to take the vote by division of the house—yet the rules of the last legislature had been adopted by the convention. Then the ayes and nays, called by a president willing to violate every principle of parliamentary law, succeeded in gagging me, that I might not answer Carl Pretz interrogating these resolutions. Within two hours after this proceeding, these same freedom lovers passed the following resolutions:

Resolved, That while we deprecate and condemn the extravagance of some portions of the public press, we will ever protect against all unjust interference with the freedom of speech and of the press,

and applauded to the echo the acceptance of it by a candidate who declined to make them a speech until a platform was put under his feet, including the precious diamond stone for its foundation. But this foundation had also a ruby in it, as follows:

Resolved, That the recent arrests of citizens of this State, charged with violations of civil law, and their transportation to military prisons beyond the State, calls for the most unqualified condemnation;

yet some of these citizens have been in the habit of lurking for days in the village streets and wishing that a brave colonel who had lost his leg in battle had lost his head instead of his leg.

Such is a record of facts—and upon it I feel called upon to place myself right upon the record as one of your representatives in the convention.

I have first to remark that the president of the convention has been lieutenant governor of the State, and as such, the presiding officer of the Senate; and was, and is still, a good parliamentarian. He knows well that any surrender or deliberative body has a right to have any proposition read before he can be called upon to vote upon it. Secondly, this convention met at a crisis most disastrous and appalling of any through which the country has ever passed.

A gigantic rebellion, numbering its well organized and disciplined troops by hundreds of thousands, has triumphantly driven our armies upon the capital, defeated, dispirited, and greatly demoralized—outnumbering us in every field.

The president, forgetting party dogmas and party lines, stands with one arm outstretched grappling with this mighty foe—struggling to repel the invader and to save the capital and the government. With his present force and the prestige of victory has departed from our standard, and the nation is gasping in the death struggle with these mighty and insolent foemen.

Our fathers, husbands, brothers, sons have been slain and wounded by thousands, that have supplied every door with a widow's—as when the Lord visited the first born of Egypt—and every fireside with a sick or wounded friend. And yet we come in the field at a struggling still to maintain the unequal contest until their brethern at home can fly to the rescue. The president has issued his call for three much needed recruits. The great host of a great people is stirred to its inmost depths. The masses are moving. Martial strains resound from Maine to Minnesota. The whole land has become a camp and men rush to the field to rescue their kindred and countrymen.

Such is the time; such are the circumstances. All patriots suspend ordinary pursuits, and flock to the field—hurrying forward new recruits; and forgetting all else, with feeling painfully intensified, they cry constantly one to another, "Watchman, what of the night?" "Watchman, what of the morning?" The president is calling for reinforcements, and nothing but the sound of the busy preparation of war is heard over the land.

Great God! are there those in the land—grown rich and prosperous and happy under the fostering care of this blessed government—who will abandon her in this her hour of peril, or throw stumbling blocks in the way by fault finding or factious resolutions, or misdeeds or hinder others from rushing forward to answer to the call of the government of all treasure, their liberty and their lives, sinking friends? To their eternal shame be it spoken, there are such to be found who have so done and are doing. At such a crisis, and under such circumstances like the present city (?) of the country met in convention. And what did the country expect? Why, that the first resolution would be responded to with encouragement to the president, thanking him for his untiring efforts to uphold the government against this invading host, and the atonement of Maryland Heights, his throwing out of the white flag at Bolivar Heights, when his force was under 10,000 of a force of not less than 12,000, besides the cavalry, which, forewarned of Colonel Miles' intentions, escaped the previous night, and when succor was approaching him, were unnecessary, he should have been withdrawn or reinforced. Usually well-informed unofficial persons have supposed, until within a very few days, that Gen. Wool had a much larger body of troops at Harper's Ferry than were left there, and that one or more of the new regiments were adding themselves to the garrison daily. Unless that garrison were strong enough to hold its own against assault, no one could understand why it should be kept there; since it was a matter of course that the rebel army would try to take it, and then march in the rear. Even after Frederick was occupied by Jackson, it was possible for several days to reinforce Miles. The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad was running West, and supplies were received and communications sent by way of the Cumberland, and Point of Rocks below was unoccupied to the last, the telegraph operator there sending the first news of the surrender. Whether Gen. Sigel should or should not have been sent up the river on the Virginia side with a column of twenty-five thousand men, as he desired; and whether Gen. McClellan could, had he pushed on with more energy, have relieved Miles, as he promised to do within the two days during which Sigel sent him word that he could hold out, are questions which it would perhaps be premature to answer with positiveness, at present.

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The expedition departed on its mission safely and reached the Middle position in under cover of Capt. Maffett's and Capt. Phillips' guns. Throwing out pickets they proceeded to the discharge of their duty. But a rebel was to be seen, but no one knew how soon they might make their appearance. They brought down the four guns, and, quite a store of ammunition, which was made useful on the day following, through the foresight of Col. d'Utassy.

About 8½ o'clock the rebels opened fire from a battery near the point, from which they had been signalling, and their shells fell up in the plain with sufficient rapidity to cause a stampede of soldiers and town's people, who were enjoying a stroll. The boys laughed as the shells fell far short of the island, but laughed no more, as shell after shell came nearer, and nearer, and, finally, went clear over the works and down the slope. Then came the report of a gun from Maryland Hights, not our old position, but from the very top, and a shell burst without great crashing. The Potomac. The Fort Royal again all the "pop-gun battery," as they termed the new one, but soon the pop-guns proved to be real ones, and shot came whizzing past us on the parapet and down the further side of the hill. This was not pleasant. A cloud of dust at the left betokened the approach of the rebels, and the troops were called into position. Nothing but the dust away beyond the woods could be seen. Presently a movement was discovered on the edge of the woods, and soon a battery commenced on the left, shelling the woods between. Our batteries were now fully engaged, and all attention was turned to watch the approach of infantry.

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[From the Cor. N. Y. Tribune.]

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The matter which at first seemed a question of time now appeared more like a question of strength. Darkness found the whole available range of our whole position, and were evidently playing with us. Indeed, Gen. Hill sent a note after the main body of the rebel army was held, and in order to prevent useless sacrifice of life, the officers reluctantly consented to display the white flag.

The flag was about 5 o'clock. Owing to the fog and smoke, the signal was not seen at first, and the firing continued, during which a shell struck Col. Miles in the left side, inflicting a mortal wound. Lieut. Binney, who was standing by, escaped unhurt. He immediately procured a white pillow, and succeeded in forcing some of the frightened men to assist in removing Col. Miles to an ambulance. While so engaged, a shell passed over the colonel and cut the officer who had held of the opposite side of the blanket almost in two.

Discovering the signals, at last firing ceased, and Gen. White went out with a flag of truce and surrendered to Generals Jackson and Hill.

It was a sad blow to our troops who had looked forward to a desperate fight, in which they did not intend to come off second best. The terms of capitulation were: Officers and men to have ready parole. Officers to retain side arms and private property; all United States property to be turned over to the rebels.

When the army took possession of the place they were foil wed into town by neighboring farmers in carriages, on horseback and many fugitives were thus caught. The method of procedure, without being brutal, was characterized by the peculiarities of the peculiar institution. The rebels believed civility as a general thing, and no insults were offered our soldiers.

After a delay over Monday night, on account of a difference of opinion as to the terms of capitulation, the rebels insisting that the troops were not to be paroled, but sent to Harrisburg, and upon which Col. D'Utassy expressed the views of a soldier very frankly that the paroles did not bind us absolutely our troops from military duty to government, only so far as not to take up arms against the Southern Confederacy until regularly exchanged, the matter continued shelling the woods, making them very uncomfortable for any human being. Judge with what surprise, the occupants of London Hights saw a long column of infantry marching from Maryland Hights to the Ferry. Can it be that they are evacuating? was the query on every one's lips.

Looking over to the camps the artillerists were observed at their posts, and each tried to ascertain from that that it was not so. But, alas, it was too true. Col. Ford had ordered the evacuation, for what reason the men of the brigade could not learn. Col. Miles was brave a soldier as ever walked, upon receiving the order to spike his guns, was so astounded that he refused to obey it, and not until he saw infantry deserting him could he be induced to perform the disgraceful task. He had spoken to the gunners of retreat, as he called the Dahlgrens—and wept like a child, telling Col. Ford that "no matter by whose order it was done, it was a piece of treachery. Even this reason was given him that to stay in the whole position certainly requires the most careful investigation at the hands of the proper authorities. Col. Ford had positive and written orders to hold the place to the last extremity. Five thousand troops and all our batteries were to aid him. Col. Ford remarked that "he had looked the hill all over, and made up his mind to stay there;" that "not a man should come down until they had been whipped from it." Subsequent action certainly gave the lie to his words. Col. Miles, who was at the extreme left, upon learning that the troops were leaving, rode hastily toward the spot, but met the men on their way up the hill, and, learning that the guns were spiked, did not order them back as he intended doing. As there was much talk as to whom belonged the responsibility of the evacuation of this battery and position, your correspondent asked Col. Miles if it was done by his order. "No, sir, but in direct opposition to them," was the answer. Col. Miles then had the guns of the thoroughly spiked, and tipped off the platform into the dirt. The rifled gun and the Napoleon howitzers were also rendered useless, and Col. d'Utassy, commanding the first brigade, offered to retake and hold the position, but it was too late.

The evacuation received the merited condemnation of officers and men. Every one now that the way the rebels was now open, the door locked, it is true, but the key hung outside. Hardly had the hill been deserted ere the rebels occupied London Heights in considerable force, and commenced signalling. Capt. Graham opened his batteries upon them and made three excellent line shots, the third scattering the party, and driving the signal flag into the woods. Capt. Von Schellue's battery also commenced firing upon them and did execution, when a solid shot was taken by rebels of our firing; then they were busy at work getting a battery into position was apparent. To whom they were signalling could not be seen. Our batteries fired upon them occasionally during the afternoon, and must have done some serious damage, as the shells fell right in the midst.

During the day Gen. White's troops were assigned positions. Capt. Phillips' battery was ordered to the extreme right, the 65th Illinois supporting it. These joined the first brigade, D'Utassy. The 126th New York was assigned to Colonel Grimble, commanding the second brigade. The battery of Capt. Von Schelein, occupied the centre and that of Capt. Rigby the left. Twefirst was clearly our weakest point, and a breastwork was thrown up to protect the guns and men, under the direction of Capt. Powell of the engineer corps. Capt. P., with his brigade of contrabands, did excellent service in making other earthworks and digging rifle pits. The fortifications of the left are by far the strongest, but did not extend far enough toward the Shenandoah as the sequel will prove. The rebels could be seen examining locality on Maryland Heights, commanding the left flank, evidently with the intention of planting batteries, but they suddenly departed, and nothing further was seen of any operations in that direction. While officers and men continued in good spirits and anxious for the fight, it was apparent that they were quite satisfied dispirited. It required forty-four ballots to nominate him.

—Hon. Milton Bartley, of Gallatin county, is announced as a candidate for Congress, from the thirteenth district of this State, composed of the fifteen southern counties. Mr. Bartley is a Democrat, but decidedly for the Union. He was a member of the recent Constitutional Convention, and opposed the secession before the people with decided success.

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FROM WASHINGTON.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19, 1862.

We have lost Harper's Ferry and we deserved to lose it. One or two things was true. Either Col. Miles could not reasonably have been expected to hold the position with the forces under his command, in which case he should either have been withdrawn or reinforced, as he easily might have been: or he could have held the place, in which case he was not the man to whom its defense should have been entrusted. The government, we believe, as well as most of his men whom the enemy, after capturing, paroled, think his surrender unnecessary, to say the least of it. If so, the government is to blame. Col. Miles will be recollected as the officer who was brought before a court martial on a charge of drunkenness at Bull Run, where he was in command of the reserves, whose failure to come up was the cause of the issues which contributed to our defeat. The finding of the court was in effect, that he was "drunk, but not very drunk," or perhaps more accurately, "more or less drunk." Col. Miles has since said in conversation with a gentleman of my acquaintance that he was really unable to say whether he was on the occasion in question drunk or sober: he had been in the habit of drinking freely up to that time and had positively done so since. His reputation in this regard had been previously established in the army, and General Scott, to whom he owed the important command at Bull Run which he heard of the failure of the reserves to come up, simply asked: "was Miles drunk?"

With these facts of his conviction and with charges even graver, before it, if common report may be believed, the government continued Col. Miles in the service, continued him in command of a brigade, and finally entrusted to him the defense of Harpers Ferry, at a time when it was of the most critical importance, no important charge and was in danger of being, as it did become, a detached, isolated post, of which the commander was necessarily given large discretionary powers. Of the duty to the whole fore to be discreet and capable as well as energetic and determined. It behoved Gen. Wool and the administration to see that, under these circumstances, the right man was put in the right place; and it certainly was incumbent upon him to see that the important charge was not upon a man of questionable qualifications.

If, however, the general sentiment regarding Col. Miles be the correct one, the abandonment of Maryland Heights, his throwing out of the white flag at Bolivar Heights, when his force was under 10,000 of a force of not less than 12,000, besides the cavalry, which, forewarned of Colonel Miles' intentions, escaped the previous night, and when succor was approaching him, were unnecessary, he should have been withdrawn or reinforced. Usually well-informed unofficial persons have supposed, until within a very few days, that Gen. Wool had a much larger body of troops at Harper's Ferry than were left there, and that one or more of the new regiments were adding themselves to the

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Assets, 1st July, 1862.....$1,585,679.6

Liabilities.....$57,826 32

ABSTRACT OF THE EIGHTEENTH SEMI-ANNUAL STATEMENT,

Showing the condition of the Company on the 1st day of July, 1862.

Cash balance in bank.....$125,439 85

Bonds and mortgages, being first liens on real estate.....313,602,38

Loans on stocks, payable on demand, (market value of securities, $ 90,000.00).....114,709 91

United States and other stocks, (par value, $360,000 00).....351,000 00

Real Estate.....60,267.25

Interest due on 1st July, 1862, (of which, $10,192 84 has since been received).....22,552.57

Balance in hands of agents.....6,000.00

Premiums in course of transmission from agents, on 1st July, 1862, (of which $11,502.36 has since been received).....14,004.74

Extra reservation, (or premiums on inland risks).....11,612.67

Other property, miscellaneous items.....10,000.00

Premiums due and unreported on policies issued at office.....1,885.99

Total.....$1,385,679.16

LIABILITIES.

Claims for losses outstanding on 1st July, '62, (of which $37,500 00 has since been paid).....$57,826 32

Dues to stockholders on account of scrip.....200 00

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CASH ASSETS JULY 1, 1862,

$8,500,000.

PAID CLAIMS BY DEATH,

$4,000,000.

AGGREGATE AMOUNT OF DIVIDENDS,

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Cash Income for year ending January 31st, 1862,

$1,593,731.31.

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Remaining uncalled for in the Chicago Post Office,

LADIES LIST.

A

Abrens Kate miss
Allen Electa mrs
Allen George M mrs
Allis Mary mrs
Alexander Anna M mrs
Andrus Josephine
Arnold E mrs
Arrington L L mrs
Avery Silas mrs

B

Baker Ella miss
Bailey A H mrs
Barker Josephine mrs
Baker C Alice miss
Barton Ellen B mrs
Bathcock Addie miss
Baird A M
Barnes H miss
Barnett S mrs
Barton Anna miss
Barney Mary E miss
Bell H mrs
Belcher Mary R mrs
Beach Helen M miss
Bigelow Lizzie mrs
Bennetter sarah M miss
Bendtsen S S miss
Bentley Mary mrs
Bishop Elizabeth
Bing Mary A mrs
Bidwell Mrs
Bidwell E M mrs 2
Blanchard Annie mrs
Bliss Effey miss
Bliss bessie M mrs
Bliss Sarah A mrs
Bidwell Ester mrs
Boynton Emorett mrs
Brannan Ida miss 2
Bradley Lizzie mrs
Brady Margaret miss
Briggs Y Malone miss 2
Brand A mrs
Brodway C mrs
Brewster Minnie R
Broad Sarah C mrs
Bristol Harriet mrs
Brown Mary mrs
Brown Kate miss
Brown O K mrs
Brumbaugh mrs
Buckner R miss
Burnett Mary mrs
Bestor Jennie miss
Burton Mary L mrs
Burbank F N mrs
Burnett Clarissa
Burgess Cassie miss
Burns Ella mrs
Butts Maria mrs
Butterfield S mrs

C

Coates Kittie miss
Collins Mary mrs
Coleman Allen miss
Cole W P
Cook Harriet A mrs
Cook Hannah mrs
Conner W H 2
Cooper Sarah A mrs
Cooper Hannah E miss
Cooper H S miss
Cooper Sarah mrs
Cooper Hannah E miss
Cooper H S miss
Cooper Sarah A mrs
Cornell Mary mrs
Coyle M J miss
Cord Sami mrs
Cox Mary mrs
Coughlin Johanna miss
Corfield Eleanor A miss
Coast M S miss
Costerton Elisa miss 2
Crane Caroline mrs
Creigh Elisa mrs
Price Augusta mrs
Croscon mrs
Cullen mrs
Cummings Johanna

D

Dennis Frank mrs
Dand Margaret miss
Dorosham E mrs
Driggs G W mrs
Dowling Agnes miss
Doyle E M miss
Dunham Josephine miss
Dunstin Elizabeth mrs
Dunlap Elizabeth
Dwight Harriet mrs
Dustin Mary miss
Dunham Jennie mrs
Dunlap Maggie miss

E

Eastman Maria mrs
Edwards Arabella miss
Edwards S M mrs
Eaton M Alma miss

Ellsworth Lottie miss
Ellicott Mary miss
Ellithorpe Sarah J mrs
Engel Chas mrs

F

Farnsworth Sarah mrs
Fanning Amelia miss
Farnsworth Carrie mrs
Fagin Rosana Jane mrs
Farrell Jane miss
Finch E M mrs
Fitzpatrick Kate miss
Fish Caroline M mrs
Fish Mary E mrs
Figg Ella F miss 2

G

Gallaher Ann mrs
Gallgor Adelaide miss
Gates C L mrs
Gavin Maria miss
Garrick G L mrs
Gallup Cyrus mrs
Gassey Mary J mrs
Gebritzloch Carrie E miss
Gibbons Caroline mrs
Gibbs Caroline miss
Gibbs Eliza miss
Girard Frospero
Gibbons Mary miss

H

Halleran Ellen miss
Hadsell Catherine mrs
Halverson Ann miss
Hagg Anna miss
Hamilton Emma miss
Hancock Emma miss
Hanson Mariah miss
Hanchett Sarah M mrs
Hanchett H H mrs
Hay by Anna mrs
Hall Mary mrs
Hateman A C B mrs
Hamlin Ang mrs
Harden Frances B miss
Harwood F A mrs
Hart A B mrs
Hart Josgather mrs
Harrington Jennie mrs
Hadley Sarah E mrs
Hathaway Hannah H mrs
Haven Ann mrs

Haven Ann
Hance Adelia n mrs
Hastings Louis K miss
Hayes Mary E mrs
Heanter Lizzie miss
Heald Mathilda A
Helm Ann mrs
Helm Nancy miss
Heron Hilman mrs
Hickey John mrs miss
Hill Lucy miss
Hill Mary mrs
Hogan Mary J miss
Homes Mary A miss
Hopkins Mary E mrs
Hath Minnie mrs
Hooper Sarah mrs
Horton Sarah mrs
Howard Jane
Howland Miss
Howard Kate Y
Hulen Miss

I

Ingham Geo H mrs

J

Jarvis Frank miss
Jackson Ann mrs
Jackson Wm W mrs
Jackson Hattie F mrs
Jamison Sarah K miss
Jennings Reuben mrs
Jones Anna miss

K

Kerr Jane miss
Kemp Margt miss
Kelsie Mary
Kevan Alice miss
Kaye Jane miss
King J H mrs
Kinzie Juliette mrs

L

Lawrence Isadore E
Leland Lucinda miss
Lawless Mary E miss
Lafi Emma W mrs
Lane Marion F miss
Lambert mrs
Leary Johanna
Lewis Adeline M miss
Lendrum Mary A mrs
Lewis Mary E mrs
Leane John mrs
Leever Anne miss

Lindsay Ida W mrs
Lumbarker Rose mrs
Little Mary mrs
Long Mary miss
Lowthwaite mrs
Lockwood Mary mrs
Lynch Annie mrs
Lyman Adeline M mrs
Lace Mary Anne miss
Lyman George mrs
Lofton Mary mrs

M

Mahony Katey miss
Malloy Alice M miss
Mahe Ellen miss
Mann Catharine mrs
Marsh J N mrs
Martin Louisa miss
Mauby Lizzie miss
Mathews F R mrs
Mann Mary A mrs
Marre Olive A mrs
Negro M J mrs
Meadeen Ellen miss
Meagher Mary G A miss
Mead Elizabeth miss
Miller Frank A miss

Monaghan Winny miss
Moder Louisa miss
Morris Ellen miss
Morley Alice miss
Morris Retha miss
Moore Ann
Moore Bridget miss
Moore Elizabeth
Moore Ellen mrs

Mc

McCarthy Christen miss
McCarthy Anne miss
McCahill Nelhe miss
McCahill Hannah
McBrien Hannah
McBride mrs
McCarthy Isabella miss
Mc Ireland Jane miss
McIlwain mrs
McAvoy J Wm
McBride Annie miss
McDermott Mary miss
McFarland Cassie mrs 2
McAvoy Stephen mrs

McGuire Mary mrs
McGuinn Margarette mrs
Mcclenghan Elizabeth miss
Mcclew Ellen miss
McKenzie Susan R mrs
McGuire Mary mrs
McGinnis Mary Anne mrs
McCandee C H mrs
McGuire Ellen miss
McGrath Ellen miss
McLardis Elizabeth miss
McNeil Mary miss
McWatson Eliza miss
McPhee Maria mrs

N

Needham Sarah miss
Newker Annie mrs
Neal Maria A mrs
Nolan Annie miss
Noble Pallura Jane
Noyes Doris mrs
Norris Sallie mrs

O

Osterhout Mary E miss
Osborn Eliza mrs
Ostout Carrie miss
Owen J L miss

O'Brien Bridget mrs
O'Hare widow
O'Hara Minerva F mrs

P

Palmer Sarah Jane mrs
Page Mary E
Paire Frank miss
Parker Emma J
Payne Ira A mrs
Peck Helen M miss
Pettet Jane E miss
Perry Kate miss
Pike Edgar W mrs 2
Pinegar Libbie miss

Pierce E mrs
Pierce Elizabeth mrs
Pine P A mrs
Post Phebe
Power Josephine miss
Powers Anne mrs
Powers Hannah
Pratt Amelia miss
Pratt Mary E L miss
Pratt Emily G mrs

R

Ranish Emily mrs
Rawson J M mrs
Reynolds Helen mrs
Redman Hattie G miss
Reid F V B mrs
Reid J L mrs
Richard Altha mrs
Ritchel L G mrs
Rigby John mrs 2

Robbins John V mrs
Robinson Wm mrs
Roller Mollie E mrs
Rosk Johanna mrs
Rosin H C mrs
Rowal a G mrs
Rag Margaret E
Ryan Janies J mrs

S

Saines Henry mrs
Sabin Albertine miss
Scoville Lucy mrs
Schattler W D mrs
Sexton Arzelia mrs
Short Sarah mrs
Searry Isabella
Shockley Maria mrs
Shepherd mrs
Shanley Mary
Sheldon Margaret mrs
Singer E A mrs
Signall Ella mrs
Shippey Lizzie A miss
Smith Christina Jane miss
Taylor Jos miss
Talbert Mary
Tarry Martha miss
Talley Martha miss
Thane Emily mrs
Thatcher Clarra miss
Thomas Mary J mrs

Smith Minnie E mrs
Smith Anne miss
Smith Harrison mrs
Smith Job A mrs
Solrick Jennie miss
Sprague Issac H mrs
Sollitt Catherine miss
Spare Sarah L miss
Starr miss
Stannard Chas mrs
Stevens Carra M miss
Stinson Ann mrs
Stinson Joseph mrs
Stone Margaret mrs
Strain M mrs

Thomas Susan R miss
Tomkins Lizzie miss
Toohey Mary miss
Tompkins Mary A miss
Topping Ira mrs
Tucker Henry mrs
Tucker Mary E mrs

V

Vesear Botalia miss

W

Wall Kate miss
Walker Angeline
Washburn Wm W mrs
Ward Mary miss
Warner Sarah miss
Watson Margaret mrs
Warman Rachel miss
Warrington Henry mrs
Warner Nancy D miss
Wentworth Rebecca mrs
West Mary A J miss
Wentworth Cynthia Jane
Whitehouse Julia miss
Whipple James T mrs

Whitney Addie miss
Wheeler H H mrs
Windiate Permelia mrs
Wilber Hattie miss
Williams Hattie miss
Williams Katey miss
Williams Amelia miss
Wilson James mrs
Wilson Sarah A
Wilson Mary mrs
Wilson Charlotte miss
Woolley H mrs
Woodward Orfelia mrs
Wylde Molley H mrs

Young Hannah M mrs

GENTLEMEN'S LIST.

A

Allen mr
Awry Wm s H
Athey J P 2
Axtell sr or Mr Axtell jr
Avery Moss
Arthur w
Austin H S
Austin Wm H
Adams W A 1st
Adams Wm H
Abbott Jno Alexander 2 capt

Abbott W
Adams J W
Adams Jas H
Allen Geo H
Allen Geo R
Atwood H J
Atwood Geo
Alexander Capt
Allison T B

Allis Amos
Austin A W
Austin H
Andrews Chas J
Abom C H
Andrews Chas
Avery O M
Ayer Edward
Acker B F
Armstrong A
Ayer Edward E
Atain A N capt
Anderson R dr

B

Bobby John H
Blowy John
Bayrid Jas H
Bayley John
Bowe Jas H
Bowe Jno H
Bailey Jno H or Bailey Thos

Barker G W
Barton Thos W
Barker Geo S
Baker G H
Bliss Geo H
Bliss Geo H
Baird Thos

Black David
Burr Philip
Bartrell Chas H
Bacon C
Bacon G
Bacon Wm
Bacon O S

Pierce Jas
Pierce Jas
Pierce Jas

The Tribune.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 1862.

Rather Than Furnish Reinforcements—Without the People Demand.

New York, Sept. 21, 1862

To the Editor of the Philadelphia Press:

SIR: I have just returned from Odessa county, in this State, where I have been, by invitation of a committee, to address an assemblage of some thousands of persons on the last day of an agricultural fair. I spoke in the open air, from rostrum in the center of the exhibition ground. I was able to make myself heard to the outskirts of the largest assemblage I have appeared before at the North. I believe I addressed about twenty minutes of my time upon the subject of agriculture. The committee told the people of the amount of wheat received annually at Oswego and Buffalo—at the abundant crops throughout the loyal States—of the capacity of those States in the way of feeding the whole world, if need be—and assured them that such a calamity was worth fighting for. The remainder of my speech was upon the subject of the war, and that of the origin and wickedness of the rebellion. I was listened to, throughout, with marked attention, and I had every indication, from the large audience, that they were with me in sentiment—not even objecting to the bitterness of my manner, or the severity of my language.

But I set out, not to write you that I had spoken on this occasion, or what I said, but to say something of public sentiment, there, here and elsewhere, as reflected by those with whom I have conversed. The people, the real people, are far ahead of the government and the heads of our army in their desire to crush out this rebellion. They are prepared for a more vigorous prosecution of the war, and the most loyal men in all the country are complaining bitterly that more vigorous measures are not adopted. They are willing to furnish men and money; they are willing to pour out their blood and treasure upon the altar of their country; but they want to see returns for these great and patriotic outlays, in the shape of victories and successes, that will tell upon the destinies of those vile conspirators against this government. The people say, "Let these men call out more men, rush upon rebeldom, overwhelm the traitors, and put an end to the war in that way. And my word for it, no settlement of this controversy will ever meet the approval of the people that does not require an unconditional surrender on the part of the rebels, and the restoring of the stripes and stars over every seceded State on the continent.

The moderation and forbearance of our government toward this infernal rebellion, and the tenderness with which our generals in command deal with rebel leaders and their fine houses and other property, are matters of bitter complaint everywhere. The truth is, the people are not disposed to tolerate it any longer. And among those whose houses and homes are threatened with the insolent invaders from the South, feelings of unutterable indignation are entertained against those who sympathise with the rebellion, and by words and deeds give aid and comfort to the murderers. And this is not to be wondered at. How could they feel otherwise?

Such a state of feeling is now being engendered, and such a storm is coming as will sweep from the loyal States all who dare set up for the rebellion, and that before a great while. The North is full of those traitors, master, in all material respects, than the traitors at Richmond. These vile miscreants are seeking to poison the public mind against President Lincoln, charge him with the usurpation of the war; declare him incompetent, and even propose to depose him, and inaugurate Jeff. Davis in a peace measure. O how they take the ground that we have not men enough to put down the rebellion in the field, and that the president is at fault; that senators and representatives in Congress gravely tell us that there were double the number of men in the field necessary to put down the rebellion, and that these money-serving partisan Congressmen unduly stopped enlistments just at the time our armies should have been increased. These vile demagogues are now at work in the different States, trying to reorganize and resurrect old, defunct, rotten, exploded and fly-blown political parties. The North is full of men of this class, who, for the sake of power and place, would compromise this quarrel with the South upon terms disgraceful to every loyal state in the Union. Many of this class of men are in Congress. While the Richmond journals are passing conscription laws, forcing every man, from sixteen to fifty-five, into the army, these men in the Union Congress are busy opposing even the voluntary enlistment of gallant men willing to fight us out of these troubles. And these very men are now trying to throw the responsibilities of our late reverses on President Lincoln, brought about by the want of men they refused to give the president! Let the people look to this matter, and brand these infamous traitors at the ballot-box, in the coming elections, as the worst of traitors, and the most dangerous of enemies—in this, the trying hour of our nation's danger. If we would save the country, let these traitors, and this treason be crushed out. Let all true men nip this treason in the bud.

Another class of traitors—certainly hypocrites—are preaching up that we must consult the Great Arbiter of our destinies; that we must pray and work to the ends of peace before we can call upon God to help us. As a nation, we have preached, prayed and quarreled ourselves into these troubles, and we must now fight out of them! I have great faith in Providence myself, and I have no doubt that it will take sides with the Southern rebellion, which He knows to have originated in falsehood, perpetrated by arch drunkenness and fraud. But we are not to fold our arms at the bidding of hypocrits and demagogues, and call on God to relieve us from work, and "act well our part," for there all the honor and piety lie. Napoleon made a good remark. When he said, "God is on the side of the heaviest artillery." And Cromwell, though an ungodly man, gave his Roundheads good advice, when he said, "Trust in God, and keep your powder dry."

The rebellion is now rampant in every direction, and the rebels have had their full force in the field without being at all increased—making a desperate effort before the new Union levies can be mustered into service. They have invaded Kentucky, overrun Tennessee and Missouri, and are now threatening the loyal States of Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Pennsylvania. It is time we were up with a determined spirit, and make this the most disastrous campaign to them they have yet undertaken. We have just had 300,000 men more added to our army, and soon we shall have 500,000 more. We have the money and credit, and the arms and ammunition—let us do the work!

Let us drive the rebels from the gates of Washington. Let us send them howling from the Border States into the cotton States, and thence into the Gulf of Mexico. Let us seize upon East Tennessee; hold that great railroad thoroughfare, and thus break the backbone of the rebellion. Let us crush their armies at all points, and compel Richmond to capitulate; and by the time they are required to go into winter quarters, by the rigid blasts of winter, the death knell of treason will be sounded, and order proclaimed once more throughout all the land.

The conduct of Gov. Curtin, and the zeal with which the people of Pennsylvania are preparing to repel the invaders of their soil, is spoken of in highest terms of praise, in all circles. Already has Pennsylvania more men in the war than any other State, according to population. And well may she muster an army of citizens now, to meet the enemy on her borders. The invasion of Pennsylvania, the enemy would at once direct a powerful foray through New Jersey into the Empire State, and the vile marauders would sack and pillage as they go. Hence the intense interest felt here in the success of Pennsylvania in this emergency.

Regiments are still crowding on through here to Washington and Harrisburg, from the New England States, and from the eastern and western portions of this State. New York has done nobly, and her governor has raised his hame, in which both of his fingers were opened. Then came Knoll's stricken. Knoll is not dead, as has been stated in your paper. His right leg was amputated above the knee, and he is at present probably in Richmond.

The remaining portion seems to be under the command of Lee. The whole number that passed through Harrisburg, on the 17th inst., Monday, throughout the whole of Wednesday night, and until 3 o'clock p. m. on Thursday, did not exceed 138,000 men.

APPEARANCE AND CONDUCT OF THE REBELS.

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The conduct of Gov. Curtin, and the zeal with which the people of Pennsylvania are preparing to repel the invaders of their soil, is spoken of in highest terms of praise, in all circles. Already has Pennsylvania more men in the war than any other State, according to population. And well may she muster an army of citizens now, to meet the enemy on her borders. The invasion of Pennsylvania, the enemy would at once direct a powerful foray through New Jersey into the Empire State, and the vile marauders would sack and pillage as they go. Hence the intense interest felt here in the success of Pennsylvania in this emergency.

Regiments are still crowding on through here to Washington and Harrisburg, from the New England States, and from the eastern and western portions of this State. New York has done nobly, and her governor has

Masters at Richmond.

[Special Dispatch to the N. Y. Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 16, 1862.

An officer who was taken prisoner at Cedar Mountain, and has been confined in the Libby Prison, Richmond, and Belle Isle, until he was released on parole four days ago, gives a most distressing account of the condition in which the prisoners are kept. Ten days ago he left Richmond in the prisons of starvation, the last words of one being pitiful cries for a piece of bread.

The sentinels are again indulging in their old sports of shooting at Yankees who look out of the window of their prisons. One man was killed in this way a day or two ago, a boy who was on guard at the time when he approached the window. On another occasion our informant saw a standing with a negro prisoner at the window when a ball carried off the bowl of the pipe which his companion was smoking.

The officers of Gen. Wool's command are even in a worse plight than has been represented. They are in double irons and some have scarcely clothing upon them. The vermin and filth which they suffer from are beyond description.

In the hospitals at Richmond, medicines are so scarce that on the average there is no more than one bottle of quinine for the use of 1,000 men.

THE DEFENSES OF RICHMOND.

Richmond was defended by strong fortifications, which are, however, manned by raw conscripts, many of whom are by our prisoners believed to be deserters. It is believed that with whom our paroled prisoners had an opportunity of communication, were cursing Gen. Pope and Gen. Banks, who seem to be the twin horrors of their dreams; and that unanimously declare they would suffer any privation, even starvation, rather than be subjugated.

MOVEMENTS OF THE MONITOR AND GALENA.

The Monitor and Galena were met going up James River.

Conversation between Louis Napoleon and Mr. Slidell.

[Special Dispatch to the New York Times.]

WASHINGTON, Sept. 17, 1862.

It is positively asserted in political circles that in the late audience given by the Emperor of the French to Mr. Slidell, his majesty spoke at length upon the slavery question, and gave Mr. Slidell to understand that it would be very difficult for him to recognize the Southern Confederacy unconditionally and without reference to that institution. He said that such an act would expose his government to a revolution, not only at home but abroad, where France is looked upon as the friend of freedom and humanity, and the liberator of the slave. In such a position and with the perils attending such a course, he should like to know beforehand whether or not the American government felt disposed to adopt some measures concerning the emancipation of the blacks in a time more or less remote, and whether or not the Federal government would be prepared for the French government. To this demand of the French Emperor, Mr. Slidell is said to have replied that he could not say positively the wishes of his majesty to his government, and sent to that effect his private secretary, Prince de Poligmac, to Richmond.

The Colored People of New York and the Late Riots.

[From the New York World, 18th.]

The president's plan of colonizing negroes at Chiriqui, in Central America, does not seem to win any favor among the colored people of this city. It has been stated that Rev. H. H. Garnet, the well known colored ministers, had gone to the State of Pennsylvania, to found a colony, but such is not the case. He states that at first glance of the subject he was disposed to regard it favorably, thinking it necessary that such slaves as should be emancipated should have somewhere to go, out of the reach of their old masters. From circumstances since developed, however, he thinks the people of Chiriqui will regard it as little better than a filibustering expedition, and much trouble will result accordingly. He previously supposed that arrangements for colonizing had been made. Should the plan be carried out the free colored people will take part in it, although there are, doubtless, individuals who are ready to go anywhere to establish a government, nationality, and freedom of their own, where they may escape the persecutions caused by their presence among a race of another.

THE CITY.

LOST.—A small safe key of the Wilder's patent. The finder will receive a reward of three dollars by leaving it at this office.

OCTOBER ATLANTIC.—John R. Welsh, on